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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Oh gracious God, as we seek to do the works of justice in our land, we know that You have called us to be messengers of reconciliation and understanding in all we do. May we build bridges of respect between people and sense the unity that we share by Your hand. Help us to recognize that though we differ on how we will achieve the goals to which we strive, we can honor each person, respect the differences that are ever with us, and seek to strengthen the unity and the bonds of trust that can knit us together as one people. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. KNOLLENBERG] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1350. An act to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2504. An act to designate the Federal Building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States Courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Veatch-Baley Federal Complex."

H.R. 3186. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building."

H.R. 3400. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Roman L. Hruska Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3710. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 611 North Florida Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2660. An act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

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H.R. 3546. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Wailhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3666) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 1802. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 1875. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse".

S.J. Res. 64. Joint resolution to commend Operation Sail for its advancement of brotherhood among nations, its continuing commemoration of the history of the United States, and its nurturing of young cadets through training in seamanship.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize ten 1-minutes on each side.

A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic Party finds itself in a very sad state of affairs. Instead of engaging the Republican Party on issues of importance to the American people, liberal Democrats come to the floor of the House engaged in a campaign to destroy the reputation of one man.

But I say to my colleagues, tearing down one man will not elevate the lives of the American people. Engaging in a smear campaign will not ease the worries of working Americans. The voters do not care about the personal insults we hurl at one another on this floor. They care about their children and the future we leave them. They care about the sad state of education in this country. They worry about crime and drugs, and they struggle under the burden of an insane Tax Code.

I ask my colleagues this one question:

Does that venom with which you speak to the C-SPAN cameras reflect well on the House of Representatives?

I urge my colleagues to think first about this Nation and the reputation of this House and leave the personal attacks in the gutter where they belong.

RELEASE THE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S REPORT ON NEWT GINGRICH

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I am not going to call the Speaker a liar. But it is a fact that the Speaker has not been telling the media the whole truth about the findings of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has found him guilty of six charges.

And I am not going to call the Speaker a law violator even though it appears that the Speaker participated in a scheme to use nonprofit corporation's tax-free contributions for political purposes. That is against the law.

It is quite clear that the Speaker has instructed "Stonewall" not to release the special counsel's report. Why not? Because the report will show that the Speaker—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. The gentleman from Missouri is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which is explicitly against the House rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order, and the gentleman must proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Because the report will show that the Speaker is not the lily-white angel his supporters say he is, let us remove this dark cloud that hangs over these Chambers.

NANCY "Stonewall" JOHNSON, release the special counsel's report on NEWT GINGRICH.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, at what point does the Chair decide that these scurrilous attacks on personalities and this abuse of the House rules becomes so out of order that people are asked to take their seat?

Mr. VOLKMER. Release the report.

The SPEAKER pro tempore As stated on September 8 by the Chair, at some point the Chair will put it to the entire House to determine whether Members who continually violate the rules will continue to proceed in order.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). The gentleman will state the parliamentary inquiry.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, is there not a way that the gentleman

from Georgia could test the gentleman from Missouri's words if he wished to?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will answer that question if that situation arises.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Is there not a customary way that this procedure is normally done, rather than asking the Chair to enforce that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is proceeding under announced established practices at this point.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JACKIE ROBINSON COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

(Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was joined by Congressman FLOYD FLAKE in introducing legislation entitled the Jackie Robinson Commemorative Coin Act. Our bill authorizes the minting of one-dollar coins to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the breaking of the color barrier in major league baseball by Jackie Robinson.

Jackie Robinson was, in all respects, a great American. If all Jackie Robinson had done was to integrate baseball, that alone would have ensured his place in history. But Jackie Robinson also made baseball truly the national pastime through his outstanding accomplishments on and off the field.

Mr. Speaker, Jackie Robinson is still admired by millions of Americans today. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this great athlete and humanitarian by supporting this legislation.

JACKIE ROBINSON COMMEMORATIVE COIN

(Mr. FLAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning, along with Mr. BOB FRANKS, to honor the late Jackie Robinson, one of our Nation's greatest historical treasures. We do this by introducing legislation to mint a commemorative coin honoring the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in major league baseball.

As we all observe the remarkable pennant and wild card races this week, we should take time out to remember that America's pastime was once not the diverse sport that most Americans enjoy today. Through segregation, African Americans were relegated to the Negro leagues. Although these leagues were considered second rate, the baseball played was of the highest quality. This athletic segregation was the standard for most organized sports, and was a sad reflection of American society in general.

Jackie Robinson, however, became the trailblazer of professional athletic